



The Louisiana State Oil and Gas Museum is housed in a 12,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility.



View exhibits and displays about our area's history!



- Go **NORTH** on N. Market St. (US 71 and LA-1). Continue **NORTH** on LA-1 for 19 miles.
- Once you get to Oil City, you will see large signs that read "**Louisiana State Oil and Gas Museum.**"
- Turn **RIGHT** onto Savage St. Proceed to stop sign.
- **Museum located at corner of Savage St. and S. Land Ave.**

Free Admission!

<http://sos.louisiana.gov/museums>

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Jay Dardenne
Secretary of State

Experience the rich history of Oil City

How it all began

The North Caddo area was originally the rich forest land of the Caddo Indians, but with the arrival of civilization, the once wilderness country saw buffalo moving farther west. Early settlers were traders, trappers and farmers.

The first oil well in North Louisiana was drilled in 1904 by the Savage Brothers and Morrical. The pace of life quickened, and by 1910, almost 25,000 people were picking up their mail from the Oil City post office.

The Oil City area went from the peace and serenity of Indian hunting grounds to hysteria due to the "Oil Rush." The city became the first "wildcat town" in the Ark-La-Tex. Reno Hill, a 10-acre red light district, as well as the people of the town, gave Oil City a notorious reputation.

Major oil companies and private individuals quickly leased the oil-saturated land, although land had gone from 50 cents an acre to \$500 an acre in one year. This factor, along with the city's bad reputation, hindered its growth for many years.

Most oil men believed that the lake bottom would yield large amounts of oil, but would require large amounts of capital to drill. The Gulf Refining Company of Louisiana was the first to drill in the lake bed, and in May of 1911, Ferry No. 1, the world's first offshore well, was completed.

- Learn about the culture of the Caddo Indians who once inhabited this region.

- Witness a re-enactment of the clearing of a log jam.



- Experience a hands-on archaeology exhibit.

- See historic boomtown buildings.

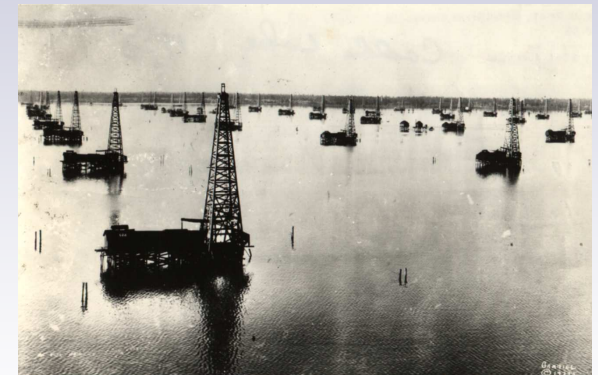
- Look outside to see the oil derrick donated by Texaco.



- Learn about the daily lives of early settlers through photographs and full-size replicas of early Oil City homes.



- View smaller versions of the oil and gas retrieval equipment that was used in the field.



- See the previous home of the museum and the old railroad depot, which was donated by Kansas City Southern Railroad.